Town of Woodstock Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Wednesday, April 22, 2015 4:00 PM – Selectmen's Conference Room

PRESENT: D. Mitchell Eaffy, Chandler Paquette, Allan D. Walker, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joni Cullan

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Walker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Warn Annual Town Meeting

Eaffy moved to warn the Annual Town Meeting and to have the Executive Assistant to the First Selectman include the text of the notice into the minutes.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF WOODSTOCK May 12, 2015

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169 in Woodstock, Ct to consider the following actions and to vote on the following resolutions:

- 1) To elect a Moderator;
- 2) To approve the proposed budget of the Town of Woodstock for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$22,014,292.00 as has been recommended by the Board of Finance and to appropriate said sum to meet the recommended expenditures;
- 3) To adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for a five-year period ending 2019-2020 as has been recommended by the Board of Finance; RESOLVED, that the Town of Woodstock's local capital improvement projects of \$17,304,125.00 and capital improvement plan as defined in Section 7-535 through 7-538, a copy of which plan is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours, is hereby ratified and approved;
- 4) To consider a resolution,
- (a) to appropriate \$2,789,580 for costs related to the replacement of all or portions of the roofs of the Woodstock Elementary School and Woodstock Middle School, and related improvements and repairs which may include but are not limited to rooftop mechanical equipment, gutter and drainage systems, and positive air ventilation system improvements, and for costs related to the financing of the projects. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, preparation of educational specifications and schematic drawings, equipment, materials, engineering fees and other consultant fees, grant application and management costs, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing

costs, and other expenses related to the projects or their financing. The School Facilities Upgrade Committee shall be authorized to determine the scope and the particulars of the projects, and to reduce or modify the scope of the projects as necessary or desirable; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the projects as so reduced or modified. The Town anticipates receiving grants from the State of Connecticut Department of Education equal to approximately 47% of cost of the projects to defray in part the appropriation;

- (b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$2,789,580 to finance the appropriation; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town to the extent that such grants are not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the projects; to authorize the issue of temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$2,789,580 in anticipation of such bonds or notes and the receipt of grants; and to authorize the majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes;
- (c) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds and to reasonably expect the Town to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the projects; to authorize the majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes;
- (d) to authorize the School Facilities Upgrade Committee to act as the school building committee for the projects; and to authorize that Committee to approve design and construction expenditures for the projects, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the Town, and to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the projects;
- (e) to authorize Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee, the Chairman of the School Facilities Upgrade Committee, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to apply for and accept or reject state grants for each of the projects, to file grant applications with the State Department of Education, to execute grant agreements for each of the projects, and to file such documents as may be required by the State Department of Education to obtain grants for the costs of each of the projects; and
- (f) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, the Board of Education, the School Facilities Upgrade Committee and other proper officers of the Town to take any other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to complete the projects, and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and to obtain grants to finance the appropriation for the projects.

A copy of the full text of the Resolution under Item 4 is available at the Office of the Town Clerk

5) To consider and act on a resolution approving an expenditure not to exceed \$80,000 from the Woodstock Agricultural Land Preservation and Land Acquisition Fund as the Town's contribution toward the purchase price and associated costs of development rights to an approximately 120+ acre parcel of land in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, currently owned by Douglas E. May, Derek N. May, Dale W. May and Darrell C. May, located on the general southerly side of Woodstock Road and generally easterly side of Old South Road, known as May Farm, as the Town's contribution toward the purchase of the development rights to said parcel. The Town's contribution toward the purchase price shall be in addition to funding for the purchase to be supplied by the State of Connecticut and the United States Department of Agriculture.

A copy of the Offer to Purchase is on file with the Woodstock Town Clerk's Office.

- 6) To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for State and Federal Grants;
- 7) To transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting; and
- 8) To adjourn.

Items 2 and 4. Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the resolutions to be presented under items 2 and 4 of this notice to referendum vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 p.m. Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors shall vote at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169 in Woodstock. The aforesaid resolution shall be submitted to the voters at referendum under the following headings:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,014,292.00 AS HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND TO APPROPRIATE SAID SUM TO MEET THE RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES?"

"SHALL THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK APPROPRIATE \$2,789,580 FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS ROOFS; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT DEFRAYED FROM GRANTS?"

Voters approving the resolutions will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolutions will vote "No." Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut, this 22nd day of April, 2015. /s/ Allan D. Walker, Jr., First Selectman /s/ Chandler M. Paquette, Selectman /s/ D. Mitchell Eaffy, Selectman

RECEIPTS	ESTIMATED 2014-2015	PROPOSED 2015-2016
Cash Available for Appropriation	\$ 283,946	\$ 169,946
Prior Taxes, Interest & Leins, MVS	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
State Grants:		
Education	\$ 5,520,270	\$ 5,455,993
Tax Relief for Elderly	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000
Other State Money	\$ 130,638	\$ 203,715
Other Income	\$ 428,614	\$ 407,820
TOTAL CASH BALANCE & RECEIPTS	\$ 6,709,468	\$ 6,583,474
EXPENDITURES		
Ordinary Expenditures:		
General Government	\$ 2,020,978	\$ 2,012,963
Public Safety	\$ 823,686	\$ 827,055
Highways	\$ 1,458,406	\$ 1,508,142
Health, Recreation & Welfare	\$ 498,697	\$ 490,000
Contingency	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Redemption of Debt	\$ 501,447	\$ 498,128
Board of Education Budget	\$ 16,491,766	\$ 16,628,004
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 21,844,980	\$ 22,014,292
Less Cash Balance & Receipts	\$ 6,709,468	\$ 6,583,474
TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$ 15,135,512	\$15,430,818***

^{***}subject to change

The increase in the budget is .26 mils. The budget and school roofs will be brought to a referendum vote as two separate questions on the ballot. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Correspondence and Announcements

None.

4. Citizen's Comments

None

5. Adjournment

Eaffy moved to adjourn at 4:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Joni Cullan, Recording Clerk